

# Preface

Beginning with Volume XX, the Deep Space Network Progress Report changed from the Technical Report 32- series to the Progress Report 42- series. The volume number continues the sequence of the preceding issues. Thus, Progress Report 42-20 is the twentieth volume of the Deep Space Network series, and is an uninterrupted follow-on to Technical Report 32-1526, Volume XIX.

This report presents DSN progress in flight project support, tracking and data acquisition (TDA) research and technology, network engineering, hardware and software implementation, and operations. Each issue presents material in some, but not all, of the following categories in the order indicated.

## Description of the DSN

### Mission Support

- Ongoing Planetary/Interplanetary Flight Projects
- Advanced Flight Projects

### Radio Astronomy

### Special Projects

### Supporting Research and Technology

- Tracking and Ground-Based Navigation
- Communications—Spacecraft/Ground
- Station Control and Operations Technology
- Network Control and Data Processing

### Network and Facility Engineering and Implementation

- Network
- Network Operations Control Center
- Ground Communications
- Deep Space Stations
- Quality Assurance

### Operations

- Network Operations
- Network Operations Control Center
- Ground Communications
- Deep Space Stations

### Program Planning

- TDA Planning

In each issue, the part entitled “Description of the DSN” describes the functions and facilities of the DSN and may report the current configuration of one of the seven DSN systems (Tracking, Telemetry, Command, Monitor & Control, Test & Training, Radio Science, and Very Long Baseline Interferometry).

The work described in this report series is either performed or managed by the Tracking and Data Acquisition organization of JPL for NASA.